

SCHURG LOG HOUSE

AL-VI-B-047

Church Hill, Midland

ca. 1856

The Schurg Log House was constructed ca. 1856 as a Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad Company House. During that time the railroad mentioned above was building its third leg, running from Borden Yard in Frostburg to Lonaconing. Company houses of this type (two story, log structures) were fairly common among the rail and coal businesses of the George's Creek area. The house currently has been completely remodeled with the addition of exterior aluminum siding and interior paneling and carpeting.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Schurg Log House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Church Hill Road

CITY, TOWN

Midland

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES RESTRICTED☐ YES UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Raymond Schurg

Telephone #: 463-5170

STREET & NUMBER

Church Hill

CITY, TOWN

Midland

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 450

Folio #: 435

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT ☐ DETERIORATED
☐ GOOD ☐ RUINS
☐ FAIR ☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Schurg Log House is located on Church Hill in Midland. It consists of a two story log structure abutted by a one story frame shed roofed addition. Aluminum siding now covers the entire house, which rests on a low stone foundation. Windows in the house have all been replaced, and are now double hung wooden sash frames with one over one lights. The main entrance faces southwest and has been remodeled completely. The interior of the house has been remodeled as well, including paneling and carpeting. A gabled roof with replaced asphalt materials and a soffit covers the main block. Also included in the house are two original corbeled brick chimneys with central and inside end locations.

The Schurg Log House has been greatly altered since its original construction as a two story log house. It is currently structurally sound and stands in very good condition.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

| PERIOD | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

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|----------------|----------|-------------------|----------------|
| SPECIFIC DATES | ca. 1856 | BUILDER/ARCHITECT | C & P Railroad |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Schurg Log House was constructed ca. 1856 as a Cumberland and Pennsylvania (C & P) Railroad Company House.¹ During that time period, many of the coal and railroad companies provided housing for their employees of the George's Creek area. Most of the dwellings were the basic two story, rectangular log structures found so commonly in Allegany County. The Smith Log House, located approximately 100 yards from the Schurg Log, was built with the same floor plan at generally the same time.

The Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad consisted of four main tracks (built in different years) which were each 9 miles long: 1) Cumberland to Mt. Savage - laid in 1845 by the Maryland and New York Iron and Coal Company; 2) Cumberland to Eckhart - built in 1846 by the Maryland Mining Company; 3) Borden Yard (Frostburg) to Lonaconing - completed in 1857 by the C & P Railroad; 4) Lonaconing to Piedmont - bought by the C & P Railroad from the George's Creek Coal and Iron Company in 1863.

The Cumberland and Pennsylvania Line was incorporated by the Maryland Legislature in 1850 with a capital stock of one million dollars. Among the directors of the corporation was one wealthy New Yorker by the name of Warren Delano. His grandson, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, became President of the United States.

This Allegany County Railroad had a total of 97 miles of track, including 33 miles of main line, 16 miles of branch lines and 48 miles of other tracks. It served the booming coal industry well, and included quite an adequate passenger service. The Cumberland and Pa. Railroad holds a deep-seated place in the heritage of Allegany County and was importantly operational until the mid 1940's.²

1 Interview with Mr. Raymond Schurg, November 30, 1976
2 Hunt, J. William. "Across the Desk" Cumberland News and Evening Times. (September 10, 1961 and April 25, 1965)

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .56 acres**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson, Joan Baldwin & Steve Beale

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

12/7/76

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale,

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO. A1-V1-B-047

DATE: 11/30/76

450/435
.56 acres

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: SCHURG LOG HOUSE

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: CHURCH HILL RD., MIDLAND

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: 246°

NAME OF OWNER: RAYMOND SCHURG

463-5178

ADDRESS: CHURCH HILL, MIDLAND

STORIES: 1() 2(☒) 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3(☒) 4() 5() 6() 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS: 1 STORY SHED ROOF 3 BAY
REAR ON BAY SHED ROOF

C + P Railroad Co.
Building of it lived
in this house

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- () FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
() BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
() STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
(☒) LOG
(☒) Other: Coverings Alum siding

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTER, OTHERS

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1(☒) 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other() replaced
pegged () nailed () wide () narrow () mitred () pediment ()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION:

HARDWARE: original () replaced (☒)
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)

original () replaced () Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze,
Architrave

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, HANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, DORMERS #

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original () replaced (☒)

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed () hip () gable ()

FRONT SHED AWNING 2 BAY
REAR 1 BAY GABLE

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 2 BRICK (☒) STONE () CORBELLED (☒) original (☒) replaced ()

LOCATION: Flush end () Inside end (☒) Outside end () Central (☒) Interior ()

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

Use - Residence

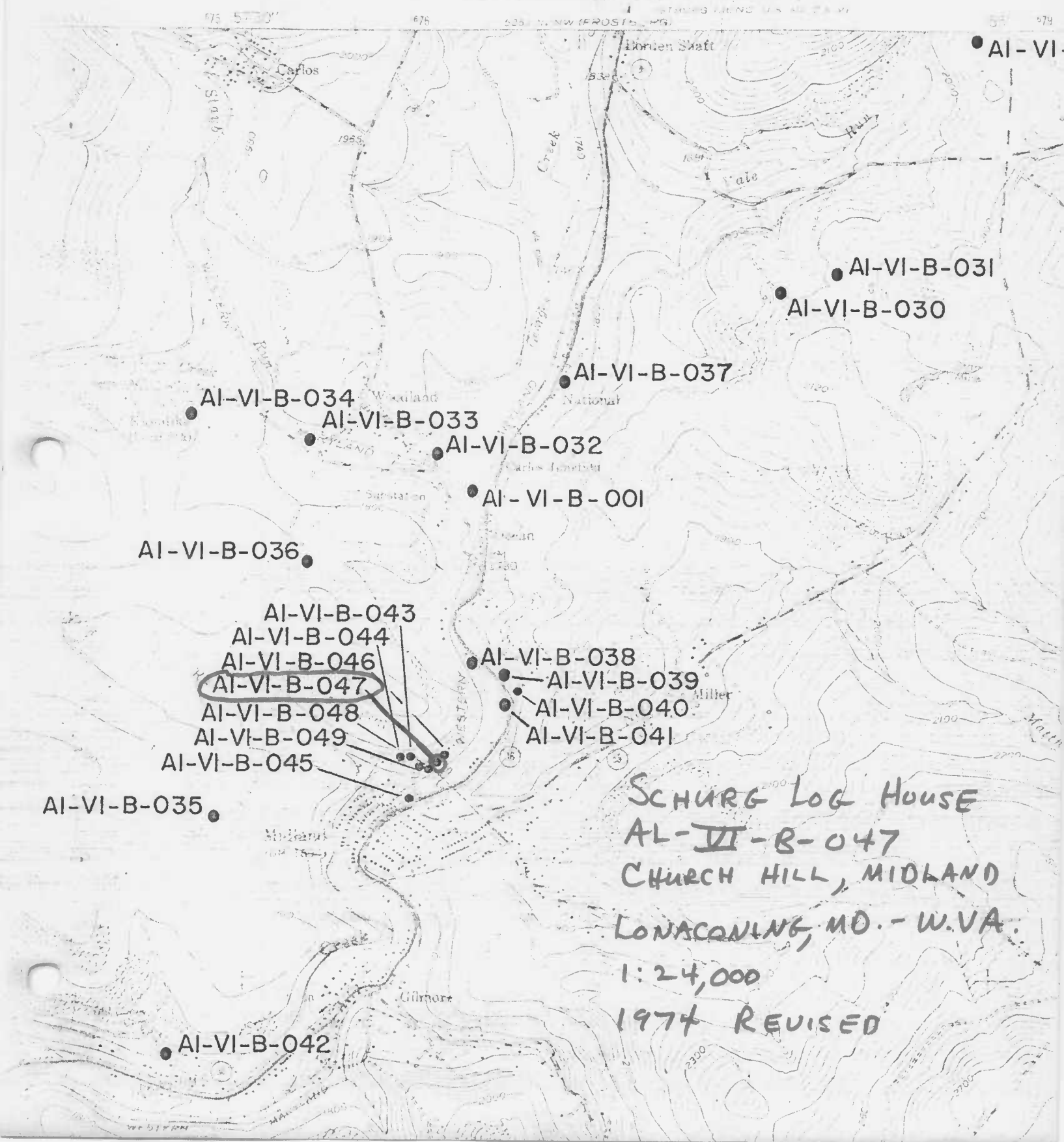
Significance - C + P Railroad House

Date Constructed ca 1856

Condition - Good

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STATE OF MARYLAND
MARYLAND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY





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Church Hill, Midland

John Nelson

11/30/76

North